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Exhibit #VII.B.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: William H. Beardsley, Acting Commissioner*

DATE: November 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Major Capital School Construction Program; *Site Approval Consideration*;
Lewiston Public Schools – Grades PreK-6 Elementary School Construction Project

STATEMENT OF FACT

Superintendent William Webster requests that the State Board of Education approve a site in Lewiston, Maine, for a new PreK-6 school. The new elementary school will replace the existing Martel Elementary School and the Longley Elementary School which are two neighborhood schools in close proximity to each other.

Harriman Associates and the Lewiston Site Selection Committee reviewed 17 potential sites using a site matrix which rated 26 relevant criteria. Ultimately the city and the Department of Education agreed that the Franklin Pasture Athletic Field Complex at Lewiston High School is the optimum site for the new elementary school. The site is within walking distance of both of the existing elementary schools.

The city owns the high school site of approximately 100 acres and the proposed new school will require 23 acres of the site. It will be located on the existing high school football field which will be relocated on the high school site. The cost of relocating the fields and existing amenities will be part of the project budget.

The Site Application has been received and is supported by the Department.

Project Information:

Project: New 888 student elementary school in Lewiston
Superintendent: William Webster Jr., Superintendent
Architect/Civil Engineer: Harriman Associates
Total number of acres: 23 acres of approximately 100 acres
Total number of acres eligible for state support: N/A (city owned)
Purchase Price: N/A (city owned)

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CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

The Construction Committee considered this exhibit at its October 30, 2015 meeting and voted to recommend that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to Lewiston Public Schools for the construction of an Elementary School in Lewiston, Maine.

COMMISSIONER RECOMMENDATION

The Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education grant Site Approval to the Lewiston Public Schools for construction of a new elementary school in Lewiston, Maine under the provisions of Chapter 61, Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects.